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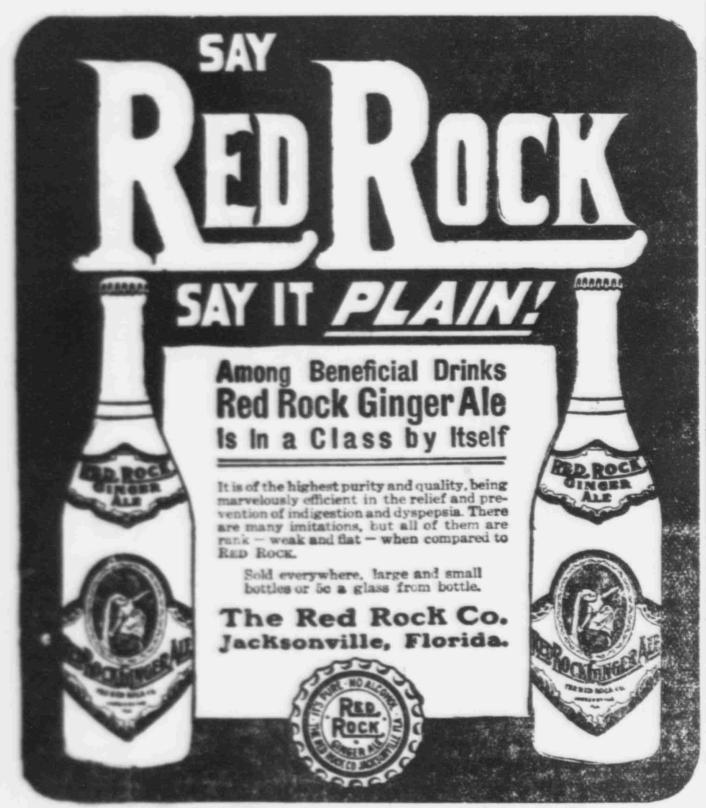
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The North Star's Light

HENRY WATTERSON'S COURIER-JOURNAL

'They were getting too bold and

impudent,' said a well known hotel

man today. 'People outside the city

cannot reailze just how offensive this

was. The people of the state at large

Friday was not the result of momen-

tary irritation—a temporary ebulli-

tion of violence superinduced by the

heat. The undercurrent of resent-

ment, growing for years, needed only

a pretext, and the assault on a white

woman furnished that pretext. The

streets are quiet now, but troops are

here, but that is no assurance that the

question is settled. For the most part

the people would have liked to have

seen the matter settled without the in-

tervention of soldiery. The fact that

the trouble is costing business men

thousands of dollars daily in loss of

trade does not help matters. Person-

ally, I think Governor Deneen's stand

for the protection of the negroes is

correct, but the average workingman

"The tone of the interview is simi-

lar to that of others had by newspa-

per men today. Barbers, street car

men, miners, laborers, and the com-

mon run of people met on the street

The exodus from Springfield is be-

lieved to be permanent. Race feeling

is so intense that employers are

afraid to engage negroes even as

Here in Kentucky, and in all the

south, from the Ohio to the Gulf, the

negro population is a large proportion

of the entire population of every town

and city, and the negro vote is a fac-

tor in politics in every section. If

the narrow race prejudice that exists

in Illinois should spring up below the

Mason and Dixon line-where the ne-

gro as a race must remain because, if

for no other reason, the north which

parades a sentimental interest in his

welfare will never tolerate his pres-

ence when his numbers are sufficient

to make him a factor in the indus-

trial and political equasion—the most

hideous race war of history would en-

sue. In the south a "bad nigger" is

lynched occasionally and, more rare-

ly, there is a causeless lynching. But

the race hatred bred by the presence

of negroes in the north does not exist,

and as a rule the law-abiding negro

The Courier-Journal ventured the

prediction that if a vigorous attempt

were made by law officers to vindicate

Illinois by convicting members of

the mob, popular sympathy for the

hoodlum element would not block

their efforts. In the light of more

recent news from Springfield, a doubt

arises. Hatred of the negro because

of his color and regardles of his char-

acter, seems to be ingrained in the

Illinoisian. The negroes who surviv-

ed days of terror in Springfield by

hiding like hunted animals, are glad

to leave. Some of them may try their

fortunes at other points in the state,

only perhaps to see the results of

years of patient toil swept away in

a night by the lawless hand of the

white man who will not tolerate ne-

gro competition in industrial fields,

and who will not brook negro inter-

In magic phrases, Col. Ingersoll of

Illinois told a quarter of a century ago

But almost a half century after the

sion and the lowliest hut" he is shot

like a rat because he is black. His

ference in politics,

the wisp.

has little to fear from white men.

has little sympathy with it.'

all talked in a similar veia."

waiters, bell boys and porters.

"But in he south the negro toiled unpaid. * * * Fugitives sought libery, lighted by the North Star. * * * The great victory for human rightsthe greatest of all the years-was will discover that the outbreak of last

won. * * * Liberty was national. "The flag for which our heroes fought, for which they died, is the symbol of all we are, of all we hope to be. It is the emblem of equal rights. It means that every citizen of this republic must be protected; at home, in every state-abroad in every land, on every sea. It means that all distinctions based on birth or blood have perished from our laws. * * * It means that there shall be a egal remedy for every wrong. * * It shields and canopies alike the lofti est mansion and the lowliest hut. It represents the sufferings of the past, the glories yet to be; and, like the rainbow, it is the child of storm

"But what of those who fell? There is no language to express the debt we owe, the love we bear, to all who died for us. Words are but barren sounds. We can but stand beside their graves and in the hush and silence feel what speech has never told. They fought, they died; and for the first time since man has kept a record of events, the heavens bent above and domed a land without a serf, a servant or a slave."-Robert G. Ingersoll, in an address before the Grand Army

of the Republic in 1882. In these words a distinguished citizen of Illinois-less than twenty years after the civil war, when the clash of carpetbaggery and kukluxism upon the conquered soil of the south had just finished writing the drama of reconstruction in blood and tears-described the striking of the shackles from the limbs of 4,000,000 human beings bound in chains." And in this and other orations the eloquent Col. Ingersoll painted with a crimson brush the savagery of slavery and borrowed of the stars to gild the picture of the glories of a civilization in the north that recognized the rights of every human being, regardless of race, color or previous condition of servitude.

How Col. Ingersoll must turn in his grave, if it be given to him to read the bloody paragraph of Illinois history written during these last few days by the white citizens of the state he fondly termed the greatest and best in the Union.

In the capital of the greatest and best state—a state lighted by the North Star-a frenzied mob led, it is claimed, by a harlot, and recruited from the ranks of hoodlumism, made a single crime the occasion for a saturnalia, wrecked buildings, burned city blocks, defied civil authority, murdered cripples, drove women and children into the fields to beg their bread by the light of the flames of their pillaged homes. Before the onslaught of the horde of drunken marauders could be checked by the bayonets of 4000 soldiers the light of the North Star fell upon a city obscured by smoke and transformed into a military encampment.

The statement of a correspondent at Springfield that the feeling against the negroes is of years' standing and that the riot resulted from a racial grim tales of the day when "the neantagonism, and not from this one gro's future had no dawn, no star.' crime committed by a negro, is entirely credible. But the added infor beginning of the heroic struggle in mation that "the black belt has been an eyesore to the better class of upon the brow of labor without rewhites" will open the eyes of south- gard to blood or color," the future of erners to the amazing degree of in- the negro as a citizen of the capital tolerance in the north, where the ne- of Illinois is not particularly bright. gro-encouraged by the light of the In the saadow of the monument to North Star that beamed so alluringly Lincoln, and in the shadow of the flag upon his daddy in the fifties and six- "that canopies alike the loftiest manties-has elected to settle and become a citizen.

There are, according to local esti- freedom has no substance just now mates, about 3000 negroes in Spring- in Springfield and it will not have if field. And "the antagonists of the ne- members of the mob are not convict groes allege that their number has ed. To the negro the North Star has made their votes a factor in politics." proved since reconstruction a will o' To quote a correspondent:

ARMY LIFE

it is in reality a hotbed of scandal," post. It is a difficult life.-World. said an officer.

The situation at Fort Hamilton is shops are now running on full time. typical of what prevails at small posts. Rank forbids social contact remain where thrown, work is rou- Store. tine, promotion through survival is the only outlook.

OCALA, FLORIDA military life should think carefully. Ocala, Fla.

The army wife has no home. Her existence is made up of flittings from "The army has some very dear peo- post to post. At any day orders may ple, but the life at best is a narrow come to pick up the battered houseone. They can only read, and that hold gods and move on. She may not grows tiresome at times. So they choose her associates. She must face talk about some one." So Mrs. Hains unending monotony mitigated only by has summed up army life. "Though small happenings. No matter how Fort Hamilton, to the casual observ- straightly she may walk she must ener, is almost as quiet as a graveyard, counter the eternal gossip of the

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